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Consideration of the enclosed and return of an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 per M.P.E.P. § 609 to acknowledge its consideration are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is needed.

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